

JOINT RESPONSIBILITIES

The National Weather Service (NWS) and the California Wildland Fire Coordination Group (CWCG) use a joint Fire Weather Program Assessment Team (FWPAT) to evaluate fire weather services in California. This team may make recommendations for improvements and/or changes to the program, and they also help ensure fire weather information is coordinated between agencies.

1. California Fire Weather Web Page and the Emergency Communication Center Dispatch Area (ECCDA) Forecast Summaries

An interagency fire weather web page for California is available at: <http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/cafw/>. This web site serves as a portal for fire weather information for California, including links to fire weather forecasts, SPOT forecasts, current conditions, and much more.

Emergency Communication Center Dispatch Area (ECCDA) Forecast Summaries are also available from this web site. These simplified fire weather summaries are meant to be used for fire agency radio broadcasts while at the same time providing the most essential daily weather information. Any Red Flag Warning or Fire Weather Watch headlines shown in the ECCDA Forecast Summaries are linked to the actual watch or warning product. All forecast segments within an ECCDA are listed at the beginning of the forecast and can be mouse clicked to jump immediately to that segment.

2. Training

Meteorological training can be provided by both NWS and Predictive Services (PS). The NWS forecast offices primarily handle local courses that occur within their area of responsibility. Predictive Services' primary role is with regional and national level courses.

Requests for training from NWS offices should be directed to that office's Fire Weather focal point or the Meteorologist-In-Charge. If the office is not able to provide an instructor for a course, that office will assume the responsibility for finding an instructor. Requests for training from the PS units should be directed to the Training Coordinator or PS program manager. In all cases, sufficient advance notice (≥ six weeks whenever possible) should be given to allow for scheduling and proper preparation.

Costs incurred by NWS in providing training assistance (other than salary costs for a normal non-holiday weekday) will be borne by the requesting agency. Costs incurred by PS instructors are covered in their annual budget, without need for reimbursement. Below is a table outlining the instructor availability for 2013:

Name Of Office	Instructors qualified to teach S-190, S-290	<u>Other Classes</u> that the listed office has at least one meteorologist qualified to instruct in
Redding Predictive Services	Brenda Belongie John Snook Steve Leach Basil Newmerzhycky	S-390, S-490, S-491, RX-410 WIMS, S-144, ECCO, RX-341
Riverside Predictive Services	Tom Rolinski Rob Krohn	S-390, S-490, S-491, WIMS
Eureka	Jeff Tonkin Nancy Dean	S-390, S-490, S-590
Hanford	Cindy Bean Dan Harty	S-390, RX-300
Las Vegas	Jim Harrison Mike Staudenmaier	S-390
Medford	Frederic Bunnag Dennis Gettman Brett Lutz	S-390, S-490
Monterey	Ryan Walbrun Matt Mehle	S-390, S-490
Oxnard	Rich Thompson Dave Gomberg	S-390, S-490
Phoenix	Valerie Meyers	S-390, S-490
Reno	Alex Hoon Rhett Milne James Wallmann	S-390
Sacramento	Mike Smith Jason Clapp	S-390, S-490, S-590, RX-300
San Diego	Stefanie Sullivan	S-390, S-490

3. Coordination Conference Calls

Coordination conference calls will be conducted, as needed, between the PS units and the WFOs during fire season. **See the document titled “Predictive Services Coordination Calls in the appendix section.**

4. WIMS IDs for NFDRS Stations

All NFDRS observation stations are assigned a six-digit station identification number for use in WIMS. The Northern California or Southern California PS units must be contacted for assignment of a six-digit number for any new station, or for any changes in location made to existing stations that already have a WIMS ID number. The PS units will notify the NWS of any new or relocated NFDRS stations.